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## Petition for 3-Month Extension of Time

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant petitions for a 3-Month Extension of Time in which to respond to the outstanding Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application dated August 27, 2001, extending the period for response to January 27, 2002.

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